



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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AN UNFINISHED TRIBUTE TO AN UNCOMMON WOMAN

After reading a particularly sugary description of Elizabeth Haddon, Betty and Stuart Lyons felt she deserved better treatment and decided to write an accurate biography.

They knew they would encounter difficulty in separating the facts from the legend and in obtaining documentary evidence to support their conclusions. Little did they realize, however, that their quest would take more than three years, require two trips to England, one to Wales, California and Washington, D.C. They were prepared to spend hours searching through manuscripts in historical society, museum and university libraries. They knew much material about John Haddon, Elizabeth and John Estaugh remained in private collections, and they were gratified that several families not only permitted Betty and Stuart to read their documents, but also gave them introductions to other collectors.

From all the material they have examined, the Lyons have learned much about that little part of London where the Haddons lived. They learned, too, that John Haddon's business interests ranged far beyond the confines of his shop.

Of Elizabeth, the Lyons appear to have raised more questions than they have, as yet, been able to answer. For example: Why is there no record of her

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: NOVEMBER 18, 1975

Place: AUDITORIUM,
BOROUGH HALL

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Light Refreshments

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first voyage to America? Did she actually land in New Jersey? Did she stay with friends of the Haddon family, already in Jersey, before coming to Haddonfield?

Since it appears Elizabeth kept no diary or journal and since only business correspondence survives, the Lyons hoped to catch a glimpse of her through the eyes of contemporaries. Starting with her marriage certificate (which is on display at the Society), the Lyons looked for journals or letters of those witnesses whose names they could read (there is at least one signature which defies deciphering).

What Betty and Stuart found were more clues to be investigated. "Since we are not under deadline pressure and since we want to be as accurate as we can," says Betty, "we track down every clue that presents itself. We've learned

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Carlyle said it best—"What an enormous magnifier is tradition!" Greenfield Hall, the headquarters and museum of our Society, is symbolic of the pride and desire of the membership to uphold the traditions of our town's founders.

The maintenance of the building is costly and depends upon the continued efforts and dedication of the Woman's Committee and members for support.

The cancellation of the Candlelight Tour, one of the major sources of revenue for the Society, means a loss of funds. The Woman's Committee again is the supportive group to lend assistance. Mrs. William Moody and the Committee are making very special plans to hold an exceptional event—Christmas at Greenfield Hall—on Sunday, December 14. Put a holly wreath around that date on your calendar! More detailed plans will be presented at our Annual Meeting.

Let all of us plan NOW to spend a truly traditional day with our friends and start the Holiday Season with Christmas at Greenfield Hall.

I look forward to greeting you at both the Annual Meeting and the Christmas Gala.

DOROTHY B. MCGLADE

SPECIAL DELIVERY SERVICE

The Membership Committee is offering a new service to make renewal of membership in the Society as easy as possible.

Anyone wishing to pay the annual dues at the November 18 meeting may do so—and receive, on the spot, the '75-'76 membership card. Membership cards list all important Society programs for the year and are a handy reference to have.

Make a point to stop at the Membership table.

**REPORT FROM THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates to fill positions up for election at the Annual Meeting on November 18, 1975:

Recording Secretary—

Mrs. George B. Whitten, Jr.

Second Vice President—

M. Elmond Neeley, Jr.

Third Vice President—

Mrs. Edward E. Krauss, Jr.

Trustees:

Term to expire in 1977:

Mrs. F. B. Brigham (to fill
unexpired term of Mrs.
Whitten)

Term to expire in 1978:

Joseph N. Hartel
John Majka
Mrs. William H. Stow, Jr.
Charles R. Mulloy, Jr.
Mrs. J. Willard King

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. H. Goettelmann
Mrs. E. E. Hess
Miss Bess W. Taylor
Howard R. Kemble
J. Willard King, *Chairman*

ON GIFTS

Four pages of this Bulletin are devoted to gifts given the Society during the year.

Most of the furniture and furnishings and the articles on display in each room in Greenfield Hall are gifts given by area residents who want future generations to see how our ancestors lived and to appreciate the quality craftsmanship inherent in so many articles, large and small, whether made of wood, cloth, china or metal.

The voices of the men and women who moulded and shaped the country still speak through their letters and diaries. How they lived, what they used and how much they paid are recorded in inventories, ledgers and account books. These old documents tell, sometimes with tantalizing brevity, of a way of life almost impossible to visualize.

The Society is indeed grateful for the many gifts so generously given this year.

NEW FRIENDS FOR THE OLD HOUSE

A group of young people at the high school has chosen Haddonfield's oldest dwelling, the Samuel Mickle House, as its special concern.

The fourteen girls in the Hip Roof House Club have as their mission-making people aware of the oldest house and raising money for its interior restoration.

Club members, dressed in pretty period gowns, made their debut as fund raisers at each performance of "The King's Road." Before the final curtain fell on November 1, the girls had raised more than \$200.00. Said one of the girls, "Well, we may not have made a whole lot of money for the House, but at least a lot more people know about it."

With such interested young friends, the old house indeed has a bright future.

MORE ON THE SAMUEL MICKLE HOUSE

History

Several members questioned the date, ca. 1710, assigned the House when it was designated on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

The Society's architect consultant, Louis H. Goettelman, asked Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D. C., if he had information which would answer these queries. In his reply, Dr. Murtagh wrote: "... The only data we have ... is that nomination form submitted by the State

Historic Preservation offices ... no written justification for the c-1736 date is given. Whether built in 1710 or 1736, however, the house is of local significance to Haddonfield and meets the National Register criteria for evaluation."

The Nomination Form mentioned by Dr. Murtagh contains the following: "Records show that in 1752 Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh, who founded the town of Haddonfield c.1713, purchased the house from the estate of Samuel Mickle deceased. At her death in 1762, Elizabeth left it in her will to her kinswoman, Sarah Hopkins, wife of the late Ebenezer Hopkins, Elizabeth's nephew. Samuel Mickle settled in Haddonfield with his wife in 1708. It is believed that the house may have been built at this time."

New Fund Drive

With the exterior restoration of the House nearing completion, the building takes on the appearance of an authentic National Historic Site and gives the impression of durability.

Restoring the exterior of the house to its original 18th century condition as well as rebuilding the fireplace and chimney in its early corner position has used almost all the funds saved for and contributed to the restoration.

If the interior restoration is to be completed in time for fellow townsmen and out-of-town visitors to see, during the bicentennial years, how such a building actually looked, additional funds are needed. Speaking for the Hip Roof House Restoration Committee, Lou Goettelman says: "We are making this appeal especially to those who did not have the privilege to help us before. Your donation, marked HIP ROOF HOUSE FUND, may be sent to Miss Ethel M. Blackwood, Financial Secretary, 267 Park Ave., Collingswood, N. J. 08105. Your gift will be appreciated not only by those who will see the building in their lifetime, but also by future generations."

RECENT GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

The Society gratefully acknowledges donations from the following persons and organizations.

Mrs. E. W. Alff

Haddonfield, N. J. 75 Years of Service. Haddonfield, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Amos

Views of homes in Haddonfield. 58 slides.

Miss Mary E. Bethel

American Historical Record, 1873—in *re* Estaugh house.

Mr. Francis R. Bicker

The Hinchman Family. Xerox of typescript.

Miss Ethel M. Blackwood

Clemens, S. L. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. New York, 1890.

Mrs. Stanley L. Brown

Western Mail, Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 23, 1901—newspaper *in re* Queen Victoria.

Camden County Cultural and Historical Commission

Camden County Cultural and Historical Commission. Newsletter, No. 1, 1975-date.

Camden County Historical Society

Camden County Historical Society. Newsletter, 1975-date.

Miss Dorothy Cathell

Deed to John Osler for lot in the Baptist cemetery; 1840. Ms.

Mrs. Wilbur Chamberlin

Watson, S. E. and H. A. Brief Sketch of the Haddonfield Meeting. 1957.

Outland, R. M. History of the Haddonfield Friends School; rev ed. 1975. Typescript

Mrs. Frank A. Coleman

Newsclippings *in re* Haddonfield, 1939-1949. 20 pieces.

DAR. Haddonfield Chapter

Our World War Heroes, 1917-1918. Photographs and biographical sketches. Ms.

Mrs. John W. Danenhower

Collection of miscellaneous almanacs, 1829-1902. 25 pieces.

Mrs. J. Redman Engle

Engle Family Papers, 1703-1928. Ms. and printed, ca. 200 pieces. Include material pertaining to the Engle, DeCou and Satterthwaite families; miscellaneous pamphlets on the Society of Friends; 19th century almanacs; a copy of the Bible published by Isaac Collins in Trenton, 1791; the History of Burlington County by Woodward and Hageman, 1883; the History of Camden County by Prowell, 1886; and many other interesting items.

Mr. William R. Farr

Survey of road from Haddonfield to White Horse Pike via Snow Hill. Photostat of ms.

Haddonfield Public Library

Rauschenberger, D. B. Colonial and Revolutionary America, a Bibliography. Haddonfield, 1975.

Mr. Robert E. Hannings

Amazing story of Paul Revere. Newsclipping.

RECENT GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Sr.

Swerling, Susan. Bike day in Haddonfield. Typescript.

Wood, Benjamin T. Haddonfield at the turn of the century. Typescript.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Jr.

Haydock, Mrs. Jesse G., Sr. Origins of the Hip Roof House. Recording.

Mr. Lee P. Hynes

Hynes, L. P. Ladder of Hope. 1964.

Hynes, L. P. Nature In Pictures Mostly In South Jersey. 1967.

Hynes, L. P. Our Heritage. 1957

Photographs of the Jersey Pines. 16 pieces.

Mrs. J. Willard King

Haddonfield Advertiser, June 19, 1901. Newspaper.

Children's books on birds and animals, 1897. 2 items.

Mrs. David S. Lenhart

Committee of Old Tavern House—Indian King. Record book, 1903-1932. Ms.

Mrs. Louis F. Mack

Maps of New Jersey. Reproductions. 10 pieces.

Miscellaneous pamphlets pertaining to New Jersey. 35 pieces.

Magnifying glass and light.

Mrs. Thomas H. McGlade

Heritage Day in Haddonfield, April 6, 1975. Recording.

Medford Historical Society

Medford Historical Society. Newsletter, March 1975-date.

New Jersey, Dept. of Environmental Protection

State Register of Historic Places; Dec. 1974 and July 1975.

Mr. Merritt W. Pharo

Barton, A. H. Sketch of the Haddonfield Monthly Meeting. Xerox of ms.

Salem County Historical Society

Salem County Historical Society. Newsletter, March 1975-date.

Mr. Joseph M. Tatem

Tatem, Mrs. J. F. The Indian King. Xerox of typescript.

Mr. Laurence J. Test

Christopher, Mrs. A. B. Story of the doll collection. Recording.

Historical Society of Haddonfield. Candle light dinner, 1975. Recording.

Mrs. Percival S. Thomson

Haddonfield tax record, 1908. Ms.

Miss Florrie B. Turnley

Deed to Isaac Anderson for lot in the Baptist cemetery; 1863. Ms.

Miss Hillman's Institute. Literary and Musical Soiree, 1884.

Miss Helen Twitchell

Holy Bible. London, 1851.

Dryden and Lee. Oedipus. London, 1791.

United Methodist Church, Haddonfield

Public Press, March 26, 1925. Newspaper.

GERTRUDE HESS, *Librarian*

ACQUISITIONS — 1975

- Antique IMARI oriental bowl and teakwood stand, 18th century. Given in memory of Governor Driscoll *Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. Vail*
- Black silk parasol, with black lace fringe and carved handle, late 19th century, from Esther Neeley's family; 20th century valentine in shape of musical instrument
..... *M. Elmond Neeley*
- Several pieces of early pottery *Miss Virginia Marshall*
- Early ladder-back chair *The Haddonfield Chapter of the D. A. R.*
- Walnut haircloth covered rocker and documentation of ownership in home of descendants of Colonel Nieukirk who fought in the Revolutionary War, and \$100.00 to be used to repair the rocker. *Mr. and Mrs. George A. Silver, Jr.*
- Wedding gown—two-piece silk, lavender-grey gown with train, and hand-made shawl to be used with the dress. Worn at the wedding of Edith A. Henry to Mr. William E. Billson *Ruth C. Billson*
- Framed, receipted bill, dated August 9, 1875, from B. B. Fowler, "The Peoples' Store," Haddonfield
..... *Mrs. Albert Cutill through the courtesy of Henrietta Lazo*
- Old grinder from "Charles Stevenson, King's Highway," and two gold and ivory pens in cases, ca. 1850 *Mr. and Mrs. Theodore van dem Beemt*
- Parasol, cream and green silk with hand-carved handle, ca. 1915
..... *Mrs. George C. Horton*
- Lady's belt buckle, with amethyst and rhinestones, Paris, 1900
..... *Mrs. John S. Wood, Jr.*
- Hoop skirt frame *Mrs. Ellwood E. Hess*
- Two baby dresses, one christening dress and slip worn by the late Judge Rudolph S. Ayres, made by his Mother, Mary Ayres, in 1892
..... *Given by his sister, Mrs. Edmund A. Dale*
- Boy's undervest, pants, undershirts and socks, age 3 to 5, worn by Harry T. Kaufmann
..... *Harry T. Kaufmann*
- Early 20th century tulle evening dress, black lace blouse, black skirt and blouse and cut steel beaded bag. Chamois booties, four pairs crocheted booties, three plaid baby undershirts, 4 Quaker baby caps, and child's wool jacket, skirt and pants and two undershirts. From the Hopkins and Clement families
..... *Mrs. David S. (Elizabeth Hopkins) Lenhart*

ACQUISITIONS — 1975

Lady's high black shoes with laces. Two muffs, curly drape for over the shoulders, black silk blouse, black jacket and Victorian duster type cap

Mrs. Heather Macrae Mundahl

Framed diploma awarded by N. J. State Agricultural Society to Isaac H. Wood "as a premium for two very superior calves" at Camden, September 21, 1855.

Benjamin T. Wood

Interchangeable doll, "Little Eva & Topsy," made by a local woman and purchased by Marion Wood

Benjamin T. Wood

Red and black Victorian skirt jacket; black and grey Victorian dress belonging to Mr. Wood's mother; one of her brown quilted underskirts; homespun blanket with initials "E.W.C." (Elizabeth W. Cooper), Mr. Wood's grandmother; two pillow shams and coverlet set; and a table cover

Benjamin T. Wood

Large bookcase in the Elizabeth Haddon Room* and the massive Empire secretary in the Victorian Room,* once owned by Peter Voorhees Bergen, father of the donor

Mary Bergen Pennypacker

Bisque-kid German doll, 12 inches, and doll's velvet coat hanger

Hazel Dyer Alexander, Presented by Mrs. Beatrice S. Stuckert

Old Haddonfield yardstick with advertisement of Bell Coal Yard. Phone numbers of Bell & Keystone Systems

Mrs. John W. Danenhower

Early primitive chair from the 1801 Newton Meeting House in Camden

The Haddonfield Friends Meeting

Seventeen dolls, including dolls made from unusual materials, dolls from other countries, Christmas dolls, doll copied from a 1907 photograph and China head doll, 1875, known as "Little Emma"

Mrs. Arthur B. Christopher

These dolls are to be added to the Cornelia Christopher Doll Collection, housed in cases on the third floor of Greenfield Hall.

ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

Miss Helena V. Stevenson

John S. Wood, Jr.

Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann, *Chairman*

* Both these handsome pieces have been on loan to the Society since the 1930's.

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a lot about the political, religious and economic climate which prevailed then, but surprisingly little about Elizabeth."

After talking with Betty and Stuart about their research into the question, "What was Elizabeth really like?", one has the impression that Elizabeth, knowing her place in history was secure, discarded, as irrelevant, all letters, notes and personal recollections and saved only necessary business papers.

What the Lyons have done—the journeys they have made, the new material they have found, the facts they have verified, the questions that still beg for answers—makes a fascinating story. Betty and Stewart Lyons, through their slides and their research, give an uncommon woman, Elizabeth Haddon Estauigh, the kind of factual recognition which she herself would approve. Come, hear their unfinished tribute at the Annual Meeting, November 18.

"VICTORIAN DAY" FOLLOW UP

"Victorian Day for Children" at Greenfield Hall was, according to Exhibits Chairman Diane Snodgrass, an outstanding success. More than 200 people visited the exhibition, and it was hard to tell sometimes who was having the most fun—the youngsters playing with the toys or their parents and grandparents sharing memories called to mind by the doll's house, dolls' tea service,

baby garments and the other priceless treasures on loan for the day.

The atmosphere of an old-fashioned family gathering was further enhanced by the tangy aroma of popcorn popping.

A LOGICAL THREESOME

The Haddonfield Adult School, the Liberty Belles and the Society combined their resources to produce, for the school's fall semester, a series of three Walking Tours.

Sponsored by the Adult School, using scripts prepared by the Society's Caroline Moody and Patricia Lennon, the Liberty Belles (a group of 13 young ladies from the class of '76), escorted by lantern-carrying young men, took visitors on a candlelight tour of various sections of the town. Guests ended the tour at Greenfield Hall where they had the pleasure of actually going inside a home which they had previously admired from the outside.

Walking Tours will start again in the Spring. By then Mrs. Lennon and Mrs. Moody hope to have prepared a fourth Walking Tour—this one to include some of the handsome mansions on Washington Avenue, Warwick Road and King's Highway West.

PATRICIA W. LENNON, *Editor*
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*Comments and suggestions for future
articles are welcome.*